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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to thank Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart for her  
4 many years of service as Superintendent of Proviso Township  
5 High Schools District 209; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart is a native of Charlotte,  
7 North Carolina and a graduate of the University of North  
8 Carolina at Chapel Hill; she earned master's degrees in English  
9 education and educational administration from East Carolina  
10 University in Greenville, North Carolina and her doctorate in  
11 educational policy and leadership from the University of Kansas  
12 in Lawrence, Kansas; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart is a lifelong educator and  
14 administrator, having served as superintendent of Proviso  
15 Township High Schools District 209 since 2008; she previously  
16 served as an educator and administrator in North Carolina and  
17 Kansas; and

18           WHEREAS, Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart is noted for her work in  
19 closing the achievement gap, curriculum alignment, and equity  
20 education; her work has been cited in several educational  
21 publications, and she has also presented nationally on the  
22 topic; as superintendent, she has led efforts that have

1 resulted in increased reading and math scores, increased ACT  
2 scores, improved daily attendance, increased honors and  
3 advanced class enrollments, and increased scholarship awards  
4 and student acceptance to college and post-secondary schools;  
5 during her tenure, Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy has  
6 been recognized as one of the top high schools in the nation;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, During her time as an educator, Dr. Nettie  
9 Collins-Hart has added successful intervention programs such  
10 as test prep, credit recovery, reading and math prep academies,  
11 Saturday School, and an evening school and truancy program for  
12 students for whom the traditional school setting did not meet  
13 their needs; during the 2014-2015 school year, she expanded  
14 educational programs to include the cosmetology and barber  
15 program, an International Baccalaureate program, a  
16 pre-engineering program, and improved curricula in math and  
17 English through the Empower 3000 and Agile Mind programs; she  
18 has been instrumental in reducing District 209's budget deficit  
19 from approximately \$14 million in 2007 to balanced budgets in  
20 every year since Fiscal Year 2010, placing the District in the  
21 State's highest category, "Financial Recognition", and raising  
22 the District's credit rating; under her leadership, the  
23 District is preparing to be removed from State financial  
24 oversight in 2016; and

1           WHEREAS, In 2012, Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart received the  
2 Outstanding Administrator Award for the 7th Congressional  
3 District of Illinois; in 2014, she was recognized by the  
4 Illinois General Assembly in commemoration of her success; she  
5 was recognized as the 2006 Superintendent of the Year by Region  
6 4 of the American Cancer Society and nominated for  
7 Superintendent of the Year by the National Association of Black  
8 School Educators (NABSE) in 2014; in 2015, she was honored by  
9 NABSE with the Ida B. Wells Risk Taker Award; she was honored  
10 with the 2014 Orchid Award from the West Suburban Chicago  
11 Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., as an  
12 "extraordinary woman who is bold in service"; she has also been  
13 honored with the "Service Above Self" Award from the Rotary  
14 Club and Village of Maywood, the Operation Uplift Inc.  
15 Community Award, and the Proviso East NJROTC Appreciation  
16 Award; and

17           WHEREAS, Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart is a member of the Board  
18 of Directors for the Des Plaines Valley Region Partnership, of  
19 which she is a past president; she is a member of the Illinois  
20 Association of School Administrators Vision 20/20 Task Force,  
21 the Superintendents' Commission for the Study of Demographics  
22 and Diversity, the National Association of Black School  
23 Educators, and she serves on the Proviso Area for Exceptional  
24 Children Board; she is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
25 Sorority, Inc. and a past member of the AVID Board of

1 Directors, Phi Delta Kappa, and Jack and Jill, Inc.; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart serves as a model of hard  
3 work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
4 Illinois; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 thank Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart for her service as Superintendent  
8 of Proviso Township High Schools District 209 and wish her  
9 great success and happiness in her future endeavors; and be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart as a symbol of our esteem  
13 and respect.